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1. DURING THE EVENING OF 12 FEBRUARY 1963 AND THE FOLLOWING DAY, AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED BY THE HAITIAN AUTHORITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CIRCULATION IN PORT AU PRINCE OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT LEAFLETS AND THE WRITING OF "DOWN WITH DUVALIER" ON THE WALLS OF BUILDINGS. ONE STUDENT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN BEATEN TO DEATH AND MANY WERE TORTURED. [redacted] COMMENT: 1. AS OF 10 FEBRUARY 1963, TRACTS WITH THE MESSAGE "HAVE CONFIDENCE, HAITIAN PEOPLE, THE TYRANNICAL REGIME OF DUVALIER IS AT AN END" AND "DOWN WITH DUVALIER, LONG LIVE LIBERTY" WERE BEING WIDELY CIRCULATED IN PORT AU PRINCE. THEY WERE INITIALED U.D.N., WHICH PRESUMABLY

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STANDS FOR NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION, AN EXILE ORGANIZATION HEADED BY THE BROTHERS ROGER AND PIERRE RIGAUD. 2. DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS, THERE HAVE BEEN AN UNUSUAL NUMBER OF REPORTS OF POLICE BRUTALITY INVOLVING PERSONS WHO APPARENTLY WERE NOT INVOLVED IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.)

2. ON 13 FEBRUARY 1963, FOUR HAITIAN STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED WHILE IN CLASS. EDGAR FLAVIEN, STUDENT AT THE ECOLE NORMALE SUPERIEURE, AND POMPONEAU (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN), STUDENT AT THE MEDICAL SCHOOL, WERE AMONG THOSE ARRESTED. ( ) COMMENT: EDGAR FLAVIEN IS A MEMBER OF THE PARTI POPULAIRE DE LIBERATION NATIONALE (PPLN-PEOPLES NATIONAL LIBERATION PARTY), ONE OF HAITI'S TWO COMMUNIST PARTIES.) THE IDENTITIES OF THE OTHER TWO STUDENTS WERE UNKNOWN. AS A RESULT OF THESE ARRESTS, THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF UNREST AMONG STUDENTS IN PORT AU PRINCE. MANY STUDENTS WERE SAYING THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD GIVEN ORDERS TO SHOOT ON SIGHT PERSONS CAUGHT POSSESSING ANTI-GOVERNMENT TRACTS.

3. ( ) DISSEM: STATE, ARMY, CINCLANT, CINCARIB.

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